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In re Application of
John D. Newbold, et al.
Application No. 09/828,621
Filed: April 6, 2001
Attorney Docket No. N/A

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed December 15, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)." This is **not** final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

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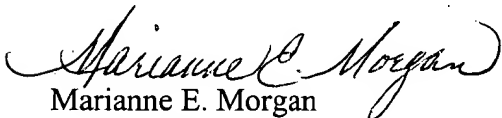
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